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## Here to Help During COVID-19

As your congressman, I am here to assist you during this time of uncertainty. Please reach out if you need help with the following:

- Issues with your Economic Impact Payment
- Small Business Loans
- General COVID-19 Issues
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Throughout this virus pandemic, I have supported resources for our state, hospitals, virus testing, PPE, small businesses and for individuals and families. We must remember that we are in this together, united as one nation under God and the sacrifices we make now will put us on a stronger path to a brighter future.

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## Western Governors University Offers Opportunities and Scholarships to those Impacted by COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in unemployment and job insecurity across our communities. While businesses slowly begin to reopen and people everywhere adjust to a new way of life, many who have been furloughed or laid off are still dealing with difficulties associated with lost income.

Those impacted may find that now is the perfect time to focus on building and strengthening skillsets needed to advance their careers. One of the best ways to do this is by furthering their education. Many put off earning an undergraduate or graduate degree for one reason or another but, given the current climate, may want to take the leap and work toward that goal – online, from the safety of their homes.

Western Governors University is a leader in providing fully online education to adults who are interested in furthering their education and advancing their careers. The nonprofit university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the growing, high-demand fields of business, K-12 teacher education, information technology and health professions, including nursing. Faculty members work one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support and individualized instruction.

WGU pioneered the use of the competency-based education model in an online environment, which allows students to leverage previous education, training and work experience to earn their degrees faster. Students complete their programs by studying on schedules that fit their lives, advancing as soon as they demonstrated they've mastered the subject matter, accelerating degree completion at low cost.

People who are experiencing loss of income during this time may feel hesitant returning to school, but the investment is worth it. For example, WGU grads, on average report an increase in income of \$12,600 within two years of graduation, compared with salary pre-enrollment.

WGU offers affordable, flat-rate tuition of about \$3,500 per six-month term, and students can take advantage of financial aid, if needed. The university also provides scholarships to make tuition even more affordable. In fact, WGU is now offering up to \$3 million in scholarships to students who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic but are still interested in furthering their education. The Bright Future Scholarship is open to new students interested in earning a bachelor's or master's degree in any of WGU's degree programs. Each needs-based scholarship is valued at up to \$3,000, and eligible students can apply online at wgu.edu.

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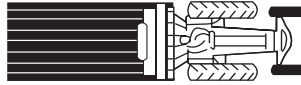
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**May 17**

Second/Peachtree – Michal A. Makowski, 32, on charges of auto theft

**May 18**

6205 East Dr. – Joshua M. Soldin, 36, on charges of domestic battery and other criminal offenses

Alpine/Riverside – Tammy L. Perry, 24, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, right of way violation, and no child restraint

**May 19**

500 Grand Ave. – Mark A. Shallock, 48, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no driver's license, registration/title violations, and traffic light violations

Forest Hills Road/Landstrom Road – Charles R. Harris, 40, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding

**May 21**

5409 Bennet St. – John J. Tewell, 25, on charges of an instate warrant

5409 Bennett St. - Joseph L. Richards, 19, on charges of possession of a controlled substance

5409 Bennett St. – Kory J. Ellis, 22, on charges of residential burglary (forcible entry), theft under \$500, criminal damage to property, possession of a controlled substance, possession of firearms and firearm ammunition, armed violence, and resisting/obstructing officer

Riverside Blvd. – Chevelle C. Bethel, 54, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and muffler violations

**May 22**

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- 1) **Erica Kilty of Country Financial** approached the department this past winter, seeking to present financial assistance to the department for any significant equipment needs. The financial gift of \$1,500 was used to purchase the King Vision Video Laryngoscope. This piece of equipment is used when attempting to intubate compromised patients. COVID-19 has presented additional challenges to those working in healthcare and trying to minimize infectious exposure. The ergonomics of this tool allow the user to increase physical distance between patient and provider, thus decreasing infectious transmission risk during the intubation process. Another advantage is the external 2.4" diagonal video screen which allows indirect visualization of the vocal cords, thus enhancing successful intubation.
- 2) Recently, **German American State Bank** also made a financial gift to the department in the amount of \$2,500. With the advent of the COVID pandemic, PPE resources as well as infection control strategies have been tested in the healthcare and first responder environments. First responder organizations have incurred increased financial demands in an effort to keep our crews safe. Our general operating fund is used to cover these costs. Financial demands in one arena pull resources from other needed areas. Our front line engines and rescue squad have AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) which will need to be replaced this year. This monetary gift will be applied toward the purchase of replacement AEDs.

Thank you for the never-ending support.  
— Chief Dave Loria —

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